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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Schwarz et al.

Application No.: 09/424,498

Filed: November 24, 1999

For: PHARMACEUTICAL  
PREPARATION COMPRISING  
VWF PROPEPTIDE

Examiner: H. Schnizer

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the most recent Office Action on the merits (paper 16) mailed on June 4, 2002. The original deadline for response was September 4, 2002. A petition for a three month extension of time is enclosed, thus extending the period for response until December 4, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 31, 32 and 67 as shown below without prejudice or disclaimer.